

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Kindly substitute the attached twenty-seven (27) sheets of replacement drawings including Figures 1-25 for the 27 sheets of drawings originally filed.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-41 now stand in the present application, claims 1-22 having been canceled. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the disclosure for a number of deficiencies. As noted above, Applicant has amended the specification to correct the deficiencies identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to the specification is believed to have been overcome in view of the above-described amendments to the specification.

Replacement drawings have been provided which correct the deficiencies noted in the PTO 948 Form. Accordingly, the objections to the drawings are also believed to have been overcome.

With respect to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 29, 2005 failing to provide legible copies, Applicant has herewith submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement what are believed to be legible copies of all the documents previously identified together with other cited references in the International Search Report a copy of the art listed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-18 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-18 and 21-22 and submitted new claims 23-41 which are believed to correct all of the deficiencies identified by the Examiner. Accordingly the Examiner's 35

U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of the claims is also believed to have been overcome.

Claims 1-18 and 21-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Molina (U.S. Patent 4,606,193 in view of McGrath (U.S. Patent 5,012,694). Applicant respectfully submits that newly added claims 23-41 now more clearly patentably define over the cited art.

More particularly, Applicant's claimed inventions now more clearly require the progression and transmittance of torque via cooperation of a spring, shock absorber, or magnets. See, newly added independent claim 23. More particularly, it is submitted that independent claim 23 now more clearly requires that a spring, shock absorber, or magnet disposed on a first support cooperates with at least a second support for the transmittance of torque. Molina and McGrath taken singly or in combination do not teach or suggest such an arrangement or mechanism for transmittance of torque.

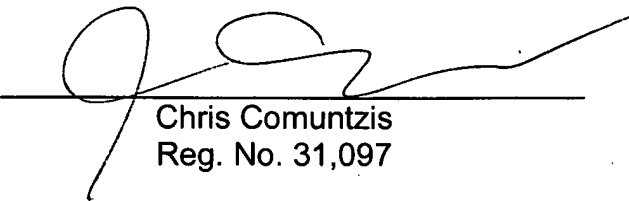
Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 23-41, now standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

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